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October 26, 1977

Memo to File:

Re: Michael J. Skopos
Flat Top Mine - ACT/015/019
Sec. 32, T. 24 S., R. 11 W.
Emery County, Utah

This surface uranium mine was inspected by Mike Thompson and myself to obtain information for approval of a previously submitted Mining and Reclamation Plan. Mr. Allen Pennock represented the applicant, Mr. Mike Skopos, in showing the Division the plans for mining uranium from these old underground workings.

The applicant proposes to strip overburden of varying depths (2'-15') from above old underground stopes and adits so that a more complete extraction is accomplished. Ore thicknesses range from 2' to 8'. The total surface disturbance will probably be about 3 acres.

The Flat Top Area has been previously mined several times, consequently, there are many existing mine adits, cuts, and other disturbances. The actual removal of overburden from above the open stopes will probably abate the hazards of having open workings on State Lands. The environmental effects of this mine will be practically negligible considering conditions of the Flat Top Area.

Efforts will be made by Mr. Skopos to remove extraneous debris and junk from the mine area. In addition, old overburden removed will be deposited into existing open pits, stopes or cuts.

The vegetative cover consists of cliff rose, juniper, shadscale, galleta grass, snakeweed, as well as desert annuals.

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